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**CONTENT OF MESSAGE TO INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC
REGARDING
PUBLIC NOTICE AND 45-DAY COMMENT PERIOD
ON
HOSPITAL REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION TO THE 2008 SEISMIC SAFETY
DEADLINES**

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to inform you that the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) will be posting information on its website (www.oshpd.state.ca.us) for the purpose of informing the public that a hospital has requested an extension of the 2008 seismic safety deadline currently facing the hospital. The posting will state the following:

- Name of the hospital
- Location of the hospital
- Status of the hospital request
- 45 day comment period, beginning _____, and ending _____.

For background, after January 1, 2008, all general acute hospitals are required to meet certain seismic requirements to assure the facility is safe in the event of an earthquake. Some hospitals are anticipating difficulty in assuring their facilities will be compliant with these requirements by 2008. Hospitals in this situation are legally permitted to ask for an extension to this deadline.

The purpose of posting this notice on the OSHPD website is to inform you that a hospital has requested a delay in the seismic safety deadline, which can be for a period up to five years. You have a 45-day period during which you can provide comments to OSHPD (see address below) regarding the impact on the capacity of your community to provide healthcare services if the request is denied.

There will also be a toll-free telephone number posted on the website that anyone can call if they have a question.

**TO PROVIDE THE STATE WITH YOUR VIEWS ON A HOSPITAL'S REQUEST FOR
A DEADLINE DELAY, SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO:**

OSHPD, 1600 Ninth Street, Room 433, Sacramento, CA 95814